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— Cecilia Hoover

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Professor Dianne Martin '76;
Pieter Joubert '04;
Lambert Kwok '03.

Front row, left to right:
Pauline Yoon '03;
Christine Ibarra '03;
Christine Fougere '02;
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Engaging our Alumni and the Legal Community

It is the start of a new year and I am feeling invigorated as I look forward to my first winter as Dean. I have now been in this job for seven months – long enough to have made some observations that I want to share with you.

My comments follow on the heels of a busy fall during which I met individually with each faculty member and instituted regular faculty meetings, attended 10 alumni reunions in Toronto and regional reunions in Calgary, Vancouver and Ottawa, and made presentations to about a dozen major law firms on the state of the Law School.

Not only has it been a pleasure to meet so many of our alumni and other leaders in the legal community, it has been tremendously helpful. I have solicited and received opinions on a range of Law School initiatives, and I will continue to consult with our alumni and the broader legal community on a regular basis.

I have found that Osgoode enjoys a broad base of support and goodwill among our alumni and the legal profession. Alumni value their high-quality Osgoode education. Like the six alumni who are profiled in this issue, they believe their legal education has fostered an understanding of the role of law in achieving justice and helped open doors to a wide variety of careers.

I have also discovered that alumni reunions are a lot of fun. It did my heart good to see old friends reconnect and enjoy each other's company at class reunion celebrations all over the city.

In particular, when "The Negli-Gents" sang at the Class of '78 reunion, it was as if time had stood still. I was a first-year student at Osgoode in 1977 and I heard the quartet for the first time at Mock Trial in 1978. I was completely dumbfounded that law students could be that talented. When I heard the fellows again at their reunion, I found it hard to believe they had not performed together in 18 years because they were just as good as I remember.

Which brings me to this serious point: the need for Osgoode to be more engaged with our alumni and the legal community. Our alumni have an underlying pride in Osgoode despite the fact that we have not promoted ourselves as strongly and effectively as we might. We need to do a better job of communicating our distinctive contribution to legal education in Canada.

We are in the process of developing a better-articulated Mission Statement, one that acknowledges our internationally recognized faculty, exceptional students and excellence in teaching and research encompassing diverse perspectives on law. The Mission Statement will guide our decision-making over the next five years as we seek to achieve our top three priorities: hiring more faculty, increasing student financial aid and renovating our cramped building.

Now more than ever, the Law School needs the capable leadership and generosity of our alumni and the legal community to advance the cause of our great institution and I will do everything in my power to strengthen that relationship. Best wishes for a Happy New Year! ✱



The Honourable
Madam Justice Sandra Chapnik (LLB '76)
Alumni Association President

It is with much pride that I speak to you through Continuum for the last time. In the fall of this year I will hand over the presidency of the Osgoode Hall Law School Alumni Association to my colleague, the Honourable Dennis R. O'Connor (LLB '64), Associate Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal for Ontario. Clearly, the Alumni Association will be in exceptionally capable hands.

This column provides me with an opportunity to bring you good wishes from my fellow Board members and to express appreciation to our retiring Board members: Sally Hannon (LLB '86), Phil McMullen (LLB '93), Peter Osborne (LLB '90), Bonnie Tough (LLB '76) and Barbara Walker-Renshaw (LLB '99). Their individual contributions to the Board and the Law School were invaluable. With the vacancies come change and we welcome three new and distinguished Board members: Howard Black (LLB '83), Dennis O'Connor (LLB '64) and Julia Shin Doi (LLB '92).

I reflect upon my tenure as President with pride in our accomplishments. Among other things, we established two chapters of the Board – one in Calgary and one for mature students; initiated Homecoming Weekend and class reunion donations; developed the Gold Key award to recognize and celebrate the achievements of Osgoode graduates; sponsored orientation events; and expanded the Mentor Program for first-year students. I must give credit for the successful implementation of these programs to the committed and hardworking professional staff at Osgoode. In that regard, I am particularly grateful to Gillian McCullough, Director of Alumni Relations. Gillian not only created

an alumni Web site (www.osgoode-alumni.ca), but she made my job much easier. Alumni relations have flourished under her able and skillful leadership.

Looking ahead to 2004, I am energized with the promise of new and exciting possibilities, spearheaded by our new Dean, Patrick Monahan (LLB '80). The Board will take an active role in developing a creative vision for the Law School and, at the same time, reaffirming the traditions and foundations upon which Osgoode Hall Law School was built.

I hope you will join me at one very special event – a tribute dinner to honour our former Dean, Peter W. Hogg, to be held on May 27, 2004 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. Peter – teacher, scholar, mentor, colleague, author, friend – means so much to all of us. He has received well-deserved accolades – Queen's Counsel, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Companion of the Order of Canada, Law Society Medal, Teaching Excellence Award and the Canadian Bar Association Lifetime Achievement Award, among others. But it is his humility, tolerance, grace and wisdom that impress me most. The evening will provide us with an opportunity to celebrate the academic life and considerable achievements of this unique individual. I am sure it will be a night to remember.

Some time ago, W. P. Kinsella opined, "If you build it, they will come." Osgoode has a long and venerable tradition of excellence. As an alumnus, you have made a commitment to an outstanding legal institution – you are part of that tradition.

It has been a singular pleasure and privilege to serve as your President. *

OSGOODE RANKED BEST LAW SCHOOL IN ONTARIO

Osgoode has been named the best law school in Ontario and second overall in Canada in a survey of graduates released in January by Canadian Lawyer Magazine.

The survey results specifically gave Osgoode high marks for its curriculum and faculty. The article accompanying the results praised Osgoode for its research centres, extensive library holdings and "impressive" use of technology.

"Osgoode's ranking is a reflection of the investment we have made in facility renewal and information technology in recent years, as well as the dedication of our faculty and staff in improving student satisfaction with our curriculum and overall program," said Dean Patrick Monahan.

The magazine's editors noted that improvements to Osgoode's facilities allowed its steadily growing reputation for excellence in other areas to be reflected in a 10-place improvement in its ranking over 2003, putting York's law school ahead of all other Ontario universities.

Osgoode received top marks for its diverse student body, the range and depth of courses offered and proximity to articling jobs.

The article also notes that Osgoode's 450,000-volume library is "the largest in the Commonwealth with extensive holdings in both primary and secondary sources in the legal literature of Canada, Great Britain and other common law countries." The article points out that Osgoode is home to three centres of research: The Jack and Mae Nathanson Centre for the Study of Organized Crime and Corruption, the Institute for Feminist Legal Studies and the York University Centre for Public Law and Public Policy.

With files from York University Media Relations

TOP 25 WOMEN LAWYERS

Six Osgoode alumni have been ranked among Canada's "**Top 25 Women Lawyers**" in a survey conducted by Lexpert Magazine and published in its September 2003 issue:

Marlene Davidge,
(LLB '77)
Partner, Torys

Patricia Olasker,
(LLB '77)
Partner, Davies Ward
Phillips & Vineberg LLP

N. Jane Pepino,
(LLB '70)
Partner, Aird & Berlis

Kathryn Robinson,
(LLB '74)
Partner, Goodmans LLP

Bonnie Tough,
(LLB '76)
Partner, Hodgson Tough
Shields DesBrisay
O'Donnell LLP

Deborah L. Weinstein,
(LLB '83)
Partner, LaBarge Weinstein

Three of the "**Top 15 to Watch**" are also Osgoode graduates:

Lynn McGrade,
(LLB '88)
Partner, Borden Ladner
Gervais

Susan M. Vella,
(LLB '86)
Partner, Goodman and Carr

Ava G. Yaskiel,
(LLB '86)
Partner, Ogilvy Renault

TOP 40 UNDER 40

The Globe and Mail Report on Business magazine's Top 40 Under 40 in 2003, the brightest business achievers and innovators on the rise in Canada, includes two Osgoode graduates. **James O'Sullivan**, 40, (MBA/LLB '90), managing director and head of Canadian Relationship Management, Scotia Capital Inc. in Toronto, and **Michael Geist**, 34, (LLB '92), who holds the Canada Research Chair in Internet and E-commerce Law at the University of Ottawa, were singled out as top performers. Honourees were selected by a panel of 29 business and community leaders assembled by The Caldwell Partners International, an executive search firm.

OSGOODE ALUMNI IN NEW ONTARIO CABINET

In October, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty tapped two Osgoode alumni – **Greg Sorbara** and **Michael Bryant** – to serve with him in the first Liberal Cabinet in 13 years.

"Greg was a classmate of mine and Michael was a former student, and I know that they will provide outstanding leadership in the new government," said Osgoode Dean Patrick Monahan. "Their appointments to senior positions in the government demonstrate once again the important role that our alumni



Greg Sorbara (LLB '81)

play in the public life of this province.”

Greg Sorbara BA '78 (Glendon), LLB '81, 57 years old, – representing Vaughan-King-Aurora, president of the Ontario Liberal Party and a key architect of the Liberal election win – was appointed Minister of Finance.



Michael Bryant (LLB '92)

Attorney-General and minister responsible for native affairs, **Michael Bryant** BA,

MA (UBC), LLB '92, LLM (Harvard), 37 years old, was elected to the Legislature on June 3, 1999 as the member for St. Paul's in mid-town Toronto. During his tenure in opposition, Bryant was the critic for the attorney general and co-critic for energy. He has authored new laws prohibiting dangerous weapons and improving access to justice.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS HONOURS PROFESSOR GARRY WATSON

Osgoode Professor **Garry Watson** has been awarded the prestigious Samuel E. Gates Litigation Award by the American College of Trial Lawyers.

The award, which was established in 1980 in memory of Samuel E. Gates of New York, an outstanding lawyer and Fellow of the College, honours a lawyer or judge who has made a significant contribution to the improvement of the litigation process.

Previous recipients of the award have included the Honourable Erwin N. Griswold, former Dean of the Law School of Harvard College, Professor John W. Reed of the University of Michigan Law School, the Honourable Sam C. Pointer, Chief Judge of the United States District Court, Birmingham, Alabama, and the Honourable William J. Brennan, Jr., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, among others.

In making the award, the American College noted

that Professor Watson's reputation and record of service in the teaching of advocacy skills and the intricacies of the litigation process to hundreds of law students and lawyers is renowned across North America.



Garry Watson

The award will be presented to Watson at the spring meeting of the Fellows of the American College, which will be held in Phoenix, Arizona March 4 to 7, 2004.

SECOND COLLOQUIA OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF ONTARIO'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONALISM

The Chief Justice of Ontario's Advisory Committee on Professionalism will present the Second Colloquia on the Legal Profession on Friday, March 5, 2004 at 9.15 a.m. at Osgoode Hall Law School's Professional Development Centre, 1 Dundas Street West, Suite 2602, Toronto.

Papers presented at the col-

loquia will cover all aspects of professionalism including the ethical, the practical, the social, the political, the cultural, and the historical aspects of what it means to be a lawyer and about the role of law in society.

Speakers include: the Honourable Roy McMurtry, Chief Justice of Ontario; Frank N. Marrocco, Q.C., Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada; Osgoode Dean Patrick Monahan; The Honourable Madam Justice Louise Arbour of the Supreme Court of Canada; the Honourable Mr. Justice John Morden of the Ontario Court of Appeal; Professor Bruce Archibald, Dalhousie Law School; the Honourable Mr. Justice Robert Sharpe of the Ontario Court of Appeal; Austin Cooper, Q.C. and Christine McGoey.

Osgoode alumni are cordially invited to attend the colloquia. To register, please call 416-947-3380 or 1-800-668-7380, ext. 3380.

Online:

<http://ecom.lsuc.on.ca>

JUTTA LIMBACH RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAWS DEGREE

York conferred an honorary doctor of laws degree on **Jutta Limbach** on Friday, November 7, 2003 at its fall convocation ceremony. An eminent legal scholar, distinguished jurist and cultural leader, Limbach is president of the German Goethe-Institut and former chief justice of the German Supreme Court (the first woman to hold this post). Limbach is recognized as an



Jutta Limbach

expert on human and civil rights as well as German culture. During her long career as a ground-breaking law-maker, she became one of the most influential women in the European legal system. As president of the Goethe-Institut, Limbach is active in the promotion of intercultural and international understanding.

CIDA FUNDS YORK/OSGOODE PROJECT IN LATIN AMERICA

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has awarded \$3 million to the RedLEIDH project at York University to advance an ambitious agenda of human rights education in Latin America. The Latin American Human Rights Education and Research Network

(RedLEIDH) brings together York University's Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC) and Osgoode Hall Law School in a new network of Latin American universities and civil society organizations to promote human rights education, applied research and capacity-building in the region.

The Latin American founding partners are the Association of Jesuit Universities of Latin America (AUSJAL) based in Guatemala, the Latin American Institute for Alternative Legal Services (ILSA) based in Colombia, the Center for Legal and Social Studies (CELS) in Argentina, and the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH) based in Costa Rica.

CIDA funding plus \$2 million contributed by the project partners will support the network for an initial six years, in programs to strengthen democratic governance and human rights protection, foster a culture of respect for the humanistic rule of law, and support the struggle against poverty in Latin America. The experience and knowledge of women and indigenous peoples will be a central focus of program activities.

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MAYORAL DEBATE



Left to right: John Nunziata (LLB '80); David Miller; Barbara Hall (LLB '78); Tom Jakobek; and John Tory (LLB '78).

The five major candidates for Mayor of Toronto participated in a lively debate at Osgoode Hall Law School in September. Miller, who won the election, is a graduate of the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. His wife, Jill Arthur, an Osgoode graduate (LLB '84), works as a lawyer for the Court of Appeal.

VISITING PROFESSOR



Left to right: Dean Patrick Monahan, Hershell Ezrin, Dina Gross, Emanuel Gross and Norman Godfrey.

Professor Emanuel Gross of Haifa University was a visiting professor at Osgoode this fall. At a special dinner meeting at the Park Hyatt Hotel Toronto on October 7, 2003, Professor Gross spoke to invited guests on the topic "Rule of Law and Terrorism: The Israeli Perspective."

OSGOODE SKI DAY

Join Dean Patrick Monahan, alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends for a fun day on the slopes.

**Wednesday, February 25, 2004
Alpine Ski Club, Collingwood
Cost \$50 per person**

(Includes Lift Ticket • Beginner and Intermediate Ski/Snowboard Clinics • Lunch • Fun Dual Slalom Race • Prizes)

For more information or to RSVP (by February 6),
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Congratulations to our 2003 Gold Key Award Recipients



Left to right:

Dianne L. Martin (LLB '76), Mary L. Hogan (LLB '72)
Hartley R. Nathan (LLB '63), Susan M. Hare (LLB '93)
R.J. Gray (LLB '57), Thomas G. Bastedo (LLB '69).

Do you know an exceptional Osgoode graduate?

The Board of Directors of Osgoode Hall Law School Alumni Association has created an award known as the **Osgoode Hall Law School Alumni Gold Key Award** to honour outstanding alumni who have made contributions to the Law School. We seek your help in identifying alumni who qualify for the award. This is your opportunity to nominate an Osgoode alumna or alumnus for a prestigious Gold Key Award.

The Awards Committee shall consider the following criteria in making its selection:

- ▶ contribution to the quality of education and welfare of the Law School;
- ▶ promotion of the Law School nationally and internationally;
- ▶ support for Student Services through supplementing and diversifying the educational experiences available at the Law School;
- ▶ recognizable contribution to the community at large.

Nominations must include the following:

- ▶ statement by the nominator outlining why the candidate should receive the Award;
- ▶ letters of reference from two people who are familiar with the candidate's Law School contributions;
- ▶ any other supporting documents.

Deadline for receipt of 2004 nominations is Friday, July 2, 2004.

For more information, visit the Alumni Web site at www.osgoodealumni.ca

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COVER STORY
THE INNOCENCE PROJECT

THE QUEST

by Christine Ward

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Romeo Phillion (centre) takes a walk outside the University Ave. courthouse in Toronto on July 21, 2003 with Derek Snowdon (left) and Derek's son Aaron, 12. Derek is the son of Simonne Snowdon, Phillion's sister.

FOR TRUTH

Anna Martin (LLB '02) remembers waiting with bated breath for the Ontario Superior Court to render its decision on whether to grant bail to a man who has spent 31 years behind bars for a murder he says he did not commit.

"I was waiting with Romeo Phillion's family and a group of former Osgoode students," she says of the July 21, 2003 judgment. "At some point, even before Justice (David) Watt said it, we knew they were going to release him. It was incredible. It took a while to sink in and the anticipation of seeing him walk out the door was quite something."

"It was entirely surreal to see Romeo without handcuffs, without guards, heading down University Avenue and looking at the CN Tower."

It was, indeed, a striking contrast to the 12-foot high fences topped with razor wire that surround the Kingston area's Bath Institution, Phillion's latest home among several Corrections Canada institutions he has occupied for the last three decades.

Now a criminal lawyer with Pinkofskys in Toronto, Martin first met the 64-year-old Phillion in 2000 when she was a member of the Law School's Innocence Project, a clinical program that gives up to 10 students a year the opportunity to work on actual cases of suspected wrongful conviction. With the program's director, Professor Dianne Martin (no relation to Anna Martin), in the lead, more than 20 students have worked to exonerate Phillion since his sister, Simonne Snowdon, first contacted the Innocence Project in 1997.

Six years and thousands of hours after that initial inquiry, the project team –

including Anna Martin and many others who have since graduated – says they have unearthed proof that Phillion is an innocent man. In the high stakes surrounding Phillion's appearance in Superior Court this summer, Dianne Martin and her student associates hold the convicted murderer's trump card.

Last Thread of Hope

Simonne Snowdon was working her last thread of hope when she wrote to the Innocence Project in the summer of 1997. Since October 1996, she had forwarded details of her brother's case to everyone she could think of in an effort to find someone willing to listen and help.

In 1972, Phillion had been sentenced to life in prison for the 1967 slaying of Ottawa firefighter, Leopold Roy. Even though he confessed to the then five-year-old murder after being arrested on an attempted robbery charge, Phillion immediately recanted and has maintained his innocence ever since, even repeatedly sabotaging his chances of parole saying it's "for the guilty, not the innocent." By the time Snowdon began her quest, Phillion had exhausted all hopes of appeal.

Reviewing the details of Phillion's case with the Innocence Project students, Dianne Martin responded to Snowdon's pleas first with a letter then a telephone call.

"She said they were going to take the case," Snowdon remembers. "I started to dance around the living room. I'm not young, but I danced. I was so happy. At last, someone believed."

A Fresh Approach

Martin and fellow law professor, Alan Young, founded the Innocence Project in 1997 after receiving a letter from New York City's Cardozo School of Law, home of the original Innocence Project. Cardozo invited Osgoode's participation in a proposed wrongful conviction network among select North American law schools. Martin and Young were keen, but knew Osgoode's model would have to take a fresh approach.

Cardozo's students limit their efforts to rape and murder cases in which the convicted stand a good chance of exoneration through DNA testing, explains Martin. "This model was never going to make sense for Osgoode." The simple reason is that DNA testing is routine in Canada, compared to the U.S. where prosecutors in many states strenuously resist retesting.

"You can easily pay a lawyer in Canada to do this work in relatively short order," adds Martin. "So, we decided to focus instead on cases where there is no one left to help."

Elizabete Costa (LLB '99), crown counsel with the BC Attorney General's Office, was one of the first students to meet Phillion's sister that fall. The Innocence Project was in its first year and already the students were overwhelmed by the seemingly large number of potential cases and the limited resources at their disposal so early on in the program's inception.

"It was crazy because of the lack of funds, the lack of space to work," she recalls. "Then we put the Innocence Project on the Internet, and the letters and phone calls started to come faster



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than we could respond." Murder, robbery, sexual assault – the cases accepted by the Innocence Project over the years run the gamut, although all tend to be quite serious and most of the applicants are calling as a last resort.

Gary Staples had spent 30 years being shunned for a murder he said he didn't commit when he called upon the Innocence Project in 1997 to help clear his name. Found guilty and jailed for the 1969 murder of Hamilton taxicab driver Gerald Burke, Staples was later acquitted and released following a second trial 22 months later. But the community, where he returned to live and work, couldn't shake the horror of the initial conviction. Osgoode students took Staples' case on his behalf and that of the murdered man's sons who wanted to know who really shot their father. Staples was publicly vindicated in 2001 after Osgoode's team uncovered suppressed evidence.

"The cases we want to investigate are the ones in which the evidence is circumstantial and the convicted person says it wasn't him or he wasn't there," says Martin. The Innocence Project tends to avoid cases built on consent, because there will never be definitive evidence that proves the complainant did indeed consent. "One word against another is almost impossible to raise again," adds Martin.

Flood of Applications

Still, there is no shortage of cases the Innocence Project is willing to take.

The Minister of Justice's most recent annual report – a new requirement set out in the recently amended Criminal Code – shows that as of March 31, 2003 the Criminal Conviction Review Group had 73 open files, including cases under preliminary assessment or investigation by the minister's office. Too many more to count aren't even close to the formal review stage. On the heels of cases like David Milgaard and Guy Paul Morin, the Innocence Project office is flooded with applications from inmates claiming wrongful conviction, but with nowhere left to turn.

With demand like this, it's a wonder, then, that the early conversations with

Snowdon remain so clear in Elizabeth Costa's mind. "I remember thinking," she says, "Oh my God, we have another one here and we have to deal with this one."

Deal with it they did. On May 15, 2003, Martin, her students and James Lockyer, a prominent criminal lawyer and advocate for the wrongly convicted, played their trump card. They delivered a 450-page brief to federal Justice Minister Martin Cauchon asking him to exercise his powers under section 696.1(1) of the Criminal Code and overturn Phillion's conviction. They also asked the judge to grant Phillion bail pending the justice minister's review of his case.

Still, few were prepared for the emotion of Phillion's actual release, least of all Snowdon, who was overwhelmed to see her brother walk free and into her Mississauga home, where he now lives.

"They were the greatest kids I ever met in my life," she says of the Innocence Project team. "Every time we spoke over the years, they would tell me they were still working on Romeo's case. It brought my heart right up. I wasn't at all surprised when he was released. I always thought they could do it."

The road to the minister's office wasn't always easily traveled, though.

"Reinvestigating an entire case from beginning to end is a remarkably difficult thing to do unto itself," says Dianne Martin. "It's sometimes a very long struggle to obtain the basic information in the first place. There's no clear right to disclosure, to the police file." Martin cites one Innocence Project case under way since 1997; the Crown attorney's file was disclosed at long last this year, almost seven years since it was first requested and just months before the team was scheduled to ask the courts to intervene.

Even when all the relevant information is in hand, the odds remain stacked against success. "A case that has been put together to result in a conviction adds up to a conviction," says Martin. "There are very few where you open the file and say, 'For heaven's sake, look!'"

To some, it seems that's exactly what happened in Phillion's case.

In the summer of 1998, Phillion

called his sister with an urgent request. “He said, ‘Simonne, something was dropped on my bed and I have to get rid of it right away,’” recalls Snowdon. She and her husband drove to the Bath Institution, picked up the brown manila envelope and delivered it straight to Osgoode and Dianne Martin.

Painstaking Task

Zuzana Fernandes (LLB ‘00) and her Innocence Project partner, Stacey Taraniuk (LLB ‘99), were assigned the painstaking task of reviewing every piece of paper in the envelope.

“It was quite a pile,” recalls Fernandes, a lawyer with the constitutional and administrative law section of the federal Department of Justice, “and poorly legible.” Mostly “photocopies of photocopies of police reports” from Phillion’s Corrections Canada security file. But that night, Fernandes happened upon a goldmine – a 1968 report from Ottawa police detective John McCombie that concluded Phillion could not have killed Roy because shortly before the murder he was with his broken-down car in a Trenton garage, more than 237 kilometres away.

Fernandes confronted Martin with her finding in an Osgoode corridor the next morning. “She was just vibrating,” recalls Martin of her student. The project director later called Phillion’s sister.

“Do you know what you have here?” Snowdon remembers her saying. “Simonne, we’ve got it!”

What Snowdon, Phillion and the students didn’t yet understand was that finding the alibi was really just the beginning.

“Finding the report itself doesn’t get you there,” explains Martin. “You have to find out if there is another stack of papers that explains the report as an error. You have to put it in the context of the entire investigation. And the case you build has to do much more than raise doubt. This time around, the entire burden is on the person claiming wrongful conviction.”

James Lockyer, Phillion’s lawyer and one of the co-founders of the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted, agrees. “Inevitably, cases like this are huge. What you’re trying to do

is set aside a case that was proven beyond a reasonable doubt to a jury. You can’t do that overnight.”

In fact, it took five years from Fernandes’ discovery to the knock on the justice minister’s door this spring.

Criminal lawyer Stacey Taraniuk describes the rest of his Innocence Project year as a haze of reading trial transcripts, evidence and police reports. Hundreds of hours spent weeding through information, identifying other elements that point to Phillion’s innocence, then collating, researching and writing reports. All this before the team could even begin to think about writing the application for ministerial review on the grounds of a miscarriage of justice.

Difficult to Change Conventional Legal Wisdom

This, says Martin, is exactly the kind of learning experience the Innocence Project sets out to provide for Osgoode’s students. “At a pedagogical level, cases like Phillion’s teach them as nothing else can how difficult it is to change conventional legal wisdom.”

“If, for example, the legal system says today is Saturday and you and I say it’s Thursday, you’re dealing with a very difficult problem to convince the system of that fact. What does change minds are persuasion and advocacy. What makes it work are evidence and truth.”

The very quest for truth, says Martin, is what makes Osgoode graduates better lawyers. “No graduate of the Innocence Project will be a hasty, jump-to-conclusions lawyer.”

Elizabete Costa concurs. In her role as a BC crown prosecutor, she values caution and open-mindedness. “When reviewing a case, the first thing I do is look for holes, to ask questions when something seems fishy. Considering that maybe the wrong person is being pointed at is always helpful.”

Melissa Grimshaw and Bobby Venizelos chose to attend Osgoode because of the benefits afforded by exceptional clinical education programs like the Innocence Project. The pair was among seven talented students accepted to the program for the 2003-04 academic year.



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Criminal lawyer Stacey Taraniuk (LLB ‘99) worked hundreds of hours weeding through information, identifying other elements that point to Romeo Phillion’s innocence, then collating, researching and writing reports.



Anna Martin (LLB '02) remembers waiting with bated breath for the Ontario Superior Court to render its decision on whether to grant bail to a man who has spent 31 years behind bars for a murder he says he did not commit.

"At a very practical level we're learning how to be discerning while keeping an open mind. An objective mind is a great skill set for any practice of law," says Venizelos, who is considering a career in civil litigation or business law.

Grimshaw remembers reading cases in first year and taking for granted that the judge's decision was the correct one. "I'm realizing now that not every judgment is necessarily the right one," she says. In addition to assigned case work, Innocence Project students are expected to write a major research paper on an issue arising from a wrongful conviction, and to participate in some aspect of public education or law reform. "It could be a brief to the justice minister, intervention at the Supreme Court of Canada or a public address to other law students," says Martin.

Easing the Backlog

Two years ago, in an effort to take some of the heat off of Osgoode's Innocence Project, students organized a conference for law schools across the country, inspiring them to launch their own wrongful conviction programs. Pilot projects are now under way at the Universities of Ottawa and Montreal, and an Osgoode graduate is liaising with the University of British Columbia in the hope of launching a program there.

"I think it's very important that lawyers do something for the good of their community," says Ralph Krikke (LLB '01), a lawyer with Peterson Stark Scott in Vancouver. During his Innocence Project tenure in 2000-01, Krikke was struck by the logjam of inquiries, especially those from B.C. and Alberta.

"We need to find some way of easing the backlog," he says.

Dianne Martin's voice resounds with emotion when she talks about the urgent need for stepped-up support of those claiming wrongful conviction in Canada. "One Innocence Project and a couple of pilot projects is ridiculous. There are cases in B.C. and the Maritimes that aren't even being looked at. When we make a decision to take one file, it means we don't take another. It's arbitrary and that's very, very wrong."

Instead, Martin and others, including

James Lockyer, are calling for a fully independent agency to review wrongful conviction claims. Such an agency was created in the United Kingdom following several well-publicized cases.

Without the requirement for government consent, the U.K. agency has the power to assess, investigate and recommend cases for new trials or judicial review. Martin envisions such a commission in Canada, supported by a series of well-funded student efforts nationwide. She plans to renew her commission lobby efforts following the widely anticipated federal election this spring.

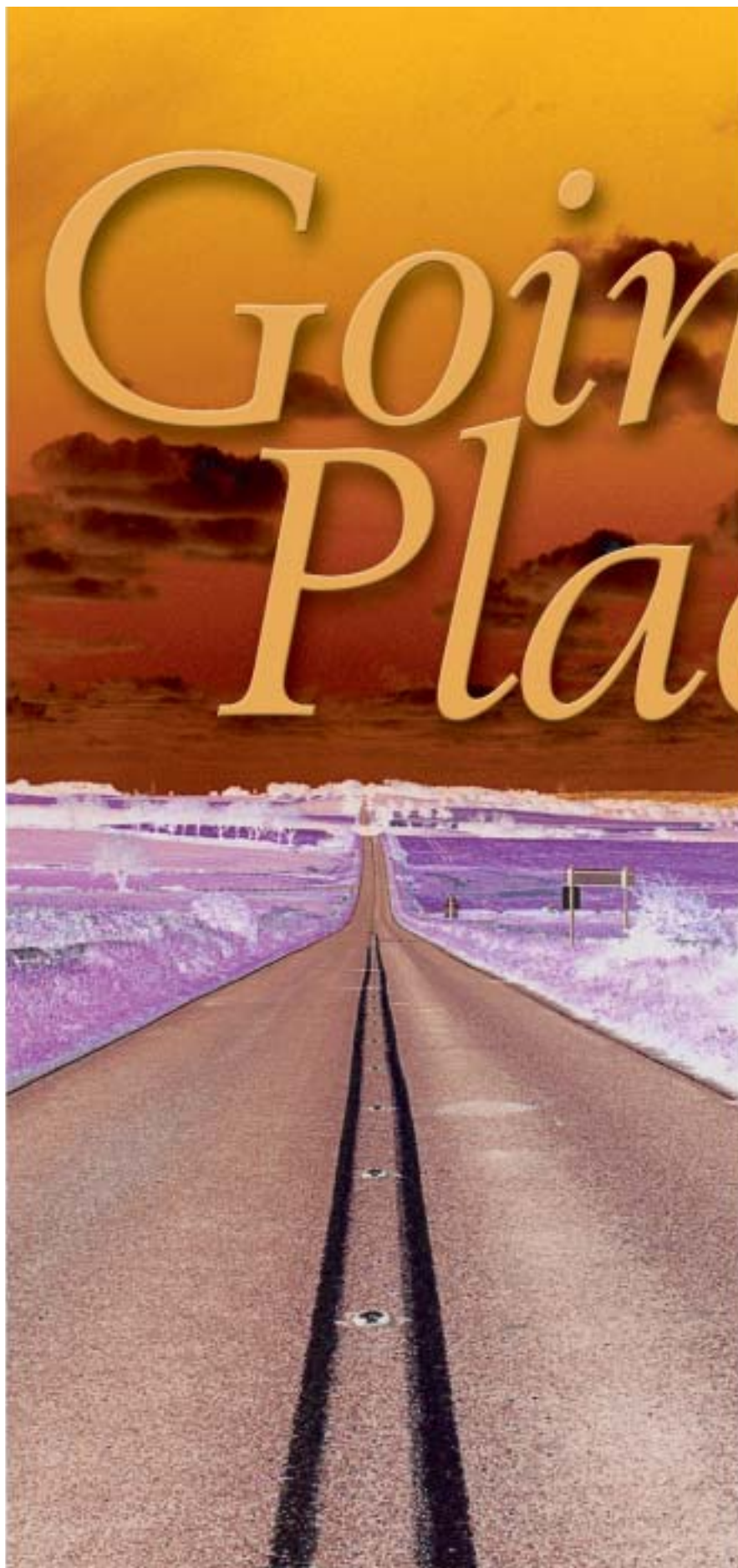
In the meantime, Romeo Phillion is free on bail, going to baseball and hockey games, learning how to drive and playing Nintendo with his 12-year-old grandnephew, while his case – the results of the Innocence Project's six-year effort – sits as part of the federal conviction review process. Following a review of the case, which could take up to a year, the justice minister will ultimately decide whether to reject Phillion's pleas, grant a new trial or ask for a judicial reference – a means for the government to seek the court's guidance on the complex legalities of Phillion's case.

For Anna Martin, the continued wait is frustrating. The year she worked on the Innocence Project, followed by a directed study at Osgoode and articling term spent writing the Phillion brief with James Lockyer, changed the course of her life. "I am a criminal lawyer today because of my experience with Romeo Phillion and the Innocence Project. It got hold of me and I couldn't let go."

Elizabete Costa, who also worked two summers on a report for the Guy Paul Morin inquiry, understands. "Anyone who gets involved in a wrongful conviction case never, ever forgets."

Snowdon has some idea of what her brother's case means to the Osgoode students who have worked on it over the years. While she and Phillion have expressed their gratitude to some in person, for others they have this message:

"Keep up the great work and continue believing in what you think is right," she says. "You've done nothing but good for us and our family. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts." *



There is no denying that an Osgoode education opens doors to a variety of careers. Meet six alumni whose careers have taken off in different directions but who share one thing in common: they value their legal training.

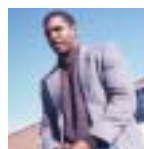
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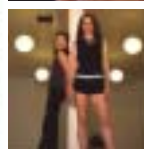
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The Honourable
Madam Justice Denise Bellamy



Jeannine Woodall and YuMee Chung

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Gwen Boniface (LLB '88)

Now a Commissioner with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Gwen Boniface has come full circle in her career since attending Osgoode and graduating in 1988. Boniface entered law school as a mature student and a young mother, after serving as a member of the OPP force for many years.

After articling with the provincial Crown and her call to the Bar, she returned to the OPP as an inspector, working her way up to Commissioner in 1998. Now in her sixth year of heading up an organization of 7,000 men and women, Commissioner Boniface credits her legal education at Osgoode for helping her advance, both as a person and through the ranks of the force.

"My legal training provided a good understanding of how the overall system works: criminal, civil, the role of police in the context of the justice system, and a good grounding in constitutional and particularly Charter law," she says.

Boniface recalls female professors such as (now) the Honourable Madam Justice Louise Arbour, and Mary Jane Mossman, who really challenged her thinking. With these fond recollections in mind, Boniface gave back by mentoring mature students at Osgoode in the early 90s. She now has a few officers who are Osgoode graduates.

Boniface loves the rewards of her position: meeting citizens and officers at the community level, and the challenge of meeting the policing needs of diverse areas across Ontario.

She sums it up succinctly: "The further I have advanced, the greater my appreciation for my legal background." ✱

Scott Howson (LLB '90)

Scott Howson, assistant general manager (AGM) of the Edmonton Oilers and a 1990 Osgoode graduate, laughs when asked about the glamour of it all.

Make no mistake though, he loves his work, and his hockey roots precede law school. Always a fan, Howson played in the New York Islanders organization for five years, including 18 games in the NHL.

Retiring from hockey in 1986, Howson became intrigued by the idea of law school.

And the intrigue never diminished. Howson recalls his Osgoode experience as one of the most enjoyable times of his life, since he was a little older, and glad to get away from hockey for a while, in a move away from the physical to the intellectual.

And he really didn't plan to get back into hockey. After Osgoode, Howson articulated at Torys, where he spent two years in corporate law.

Then in 1994, Howson became general manager of the Oilers American hockey league affiliate, receiving his current appointment as AGM of the Oilers in 2000. He is also the general manager for the Toronto Roadrunners, an Oilers affiliate.

Heading into his fourth year as AGM, Howson credits his legal education for teaching him to be very prepared, focused and objective. Skills required, he says, "in the very emotional business of hockey, involving instant success and instant failure." They come in handy negotiating player contracts and implementing the collective bargaining agreement with players.

And while Howson's career path might appear predestined, he says he just might not have his current job without his legal training. *





Roger Rowe (LLB '87)

Roger Rowe was recently honoured with the first ever award from Pro Bono Law Ontario for community service in 2003. In fact, Rowe's impressive resume of community involvement leaves one wondering where he finds time to practise law.

But practise he does. Now a sole practitioner primarily in the areas of family, criminal and immigration law, Rowe first practised with the Jane/Finch community legal clinic in Toronto, then with a small firm prior to going out on his own.

Since then, Rowe argued the well-known Baker case before the Supreme Court of Canada, resulting in a 1999 landmark decision that changed administrative law in the country. But his success in court is only the beginning.

A founding member and past president of the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers (CABL) as well as a past president of the Jane/Finch Concerned Citizens' Organization, Rowe overflows with commitment to his community.

Rowe is currently the president of PEACH: Promoting Economic Action and Community Health. PEACH runs three programs focused on youth and community development in the Jane/Finch area. (www.peachnet.ca)

Rowe says that through his work he has "come to see where the rubber meets the road in terms of services for kids, the limitations of law in dealing with kids, and seeing the number of kids being expelled" under zero tolerance policies in the schools. PEACH has been instrumental in developing alternatives, obtaining funding, and forming partnerships to have a coordinated response to zero tolerance.

While attending Osgoode, Rowe was influenced by his experience in two of Osgoode's clinical education offerings – the Community and Legal Aid Services Program (CLASP) and Parkdale Community Legal Services. Rowe continues to credit Osgoode for its ongoing receptiveness to working with the Jane/Finch community in fostering solutions. *



Peter McWilliams (LLB '53)

Peter McWilliams has the law in his blood. His mother was a lawyer, as was his grandfather. As is his brother and his daughter. "I guess we are all afflicted the same," he laughs.

Currently a sole practitioner, McWilliams is engaged in both criminal and civil cases, primarily suing the police for assault, false arrest, and abuse of power.

McWilliams started practising with a small firm in Milton in 1953 when it "was still a sleepy county town." In 1958, he was appointed Crown Attorney for the County of Halton, leaving 10 years later to engage in private practice in Oakville and Milton.

McWilliams is also well known as the author of *Canadian Criminal Evidence*, both the original and second edition, as well as 30 supplements. Prior to the third edition, McWilliams voluntarily resigned, believing it was time for an "infusion of fresh blood."

At 77, McWilliams, who describes himself as "proud to be a descendant of William McWilliams who rebelled against the injustice of King George III in the American Revolution," does not foresee retirement in the future, though he has noticed that he no longer knows all the lawyers around town.

Focused on his practice, he is also gathering thoughts to write a new and different text, the subject matter remaining unannounced. And he is indulging in his hobby of mineral exploration, arranging for exploration by prospectors and geologists, reading reports, and staking claims in northern Ontario.

He credits his legal training for empowering him to stand up for civil liberties and, quoting the late John Philpot Curran, Lord Mayor of Dublin, sums up his career this way: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." *



The Honourable Madam Justice Denise Bellamy (LLB '78)

As a judge of the Superior Court of Justice for Ontario, Madam Justice Denise Bellamy's name has now become synonymous with the MFP computer leasing inquiry in Toronto.

But while she is a justice now, like most law students she initially found members of the Bench intimidating. Bellamy recalls how a criminal law intensive program at Osgoode resulted in her student placement with Justice Hugh Locke (LLB '54). Following him around daily she quickly lost all fear of judges, she says, coming to realize that they are human beings like everyone else.

Graduating from Osgoode in 1978, Bellamy practised law with the provincial government in progressively more senior positions from 1980 through to her appointment to the Bench in 1997. Her areas of expertise were labour, employment, criminal, policing and corrections law.

Bellamy also served as a Bencher of the Law Society for nine years until her appointment to the Bench. She was the president of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, and vice-president of the Ontario Centre for Advocacy Training.

She says her legal training at Osgoode provided her with the ability to analyze pretty much any issue, identify the core problem, and attempt to resolve it. This clear and analytical thinking has many practical uses, including helping her "cross-examine my step-kids."

Anticipating her 25th reunion at Osgoode in November 2003, Bellamy fondly recalled how she loved spending her spare time at law school playing pinball and football. In fact, she planned to dust off her old football jersey in time for the reunion, though she said she likely wouldn't play. *

Jeannine Woodall (LLB '97) and YuMee Chung (LLB '97)

Jeannine Woodall and YuMee Chung graduated from Osgoode together in 1997, and both ended up practising law at the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC). But the similarities don't end there.

Both Woodall and Chung practised yoga to relieve their stress during law school, and over the years both lawyers found themselves increasingly incorporating yoga into their busy lives.

So what made them decide to open what is one of the largest yoga studios in Toronto?

Woodall was teaching yoga at the OSC on lunch hours, when she had something of an epiphany. She realized that she wanted to teach and serve the world in a different way by contributing to people's well being. As for Chung, she realized, after going on a yoga retreat with their third partner (Vanessa Kennedy) in Costa Rica, there was nothing like it in Toronto – a retreat centre in the heart of the city geared toward busy professionals.

The three partners started to talk and dream, and after much hard work, the abstract concept became SAGE Yoga and Meditation Centre, a reality that has today been open for one year. Woodall and Chung both teach yoga classes at the centre.

As business owners, they make good use of their legal training, whether in business decisions, lease negotiations, dealing with the public, or in administration. Chung says the sharp contrast between practising law and running the studio actually keeps her balanced.

Recently back from Jivamukti teacher teaching in Austria, Woodall and Chung attest to the ability of yoga to help people reconnect with their inner selves. Says Chung: "Lawyers really take to the message of yoga. It lends clarity to their lifestyle." *





Osgoode alumna Suzanne Johnson (LLB '03) says she would not have made it through law school without a job and bursaries such as the one from The Honourable Paul I.B. Staniszewski (LLB '54).



Dollar-for-Dollar Assistance

by Christine Ward

Ontario's Matching Gift Program is a Boon for Financially Strapped Students

Every week in her final year at Osgoode, Suzanne Johnson juggled a demanding class schedule, readings, assignments, papers and a competitive grade point average. Then she went to work.

Rising tuition costs, a climbing debt load and the skyrocketing cost of Toronto living drove Johnson to squeeze a 35-hour workweek into her already taxed student schedule. "I was a weekend superintendent at a senior's building and I prosecuted parking violators for the City of Toronto," recalls the 2003 graduate, now an articling student with Pinkofskys in Toronto.

"I wouldn't have made it through school without a job and bursaries."

Early in her third year, Johnson was awarded The Honourable Paul I. B. and Mrs. Tevis Staniszewski Award, one of a number of privately-funded bursaries she earned throughout her law school tenure.

"I always meant to create a bursary at Osgoode," says Paul Staniszewski, a 1954 graduate and retired federal Canadian judge. "I have so many fond memories of lectures, the great library and time spent sitting in on Supreme Court cases and trials in the old Osgoode Hall. We could actually witness the process of law by stepping just 150 feet outside class," he exclaims.

He also remembers his fees – at around \$350 a session, astonishingly modest compared to the \$12,000 a year faced by today's students.

Staniszewski's decision to help Osgoode students couldn't have come at a better time. In 1996, just three years before his donation, the Ontario government announced the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund (OSOTF), a dollar-for-dollar matching program for cash donations to endowed bursary funds in support of provincial students attending local universities and colleges. Staniszewski's donation became part of

Osgoode's more than \$17 million student awards endowment contributed by alumni, other individuals, law firms and corporations, and buoyed by the Ontario government's matching gift program.

Victor Saccucci (LLB '69), a partner with Christie, Saccucci & Matthews in Richmond Hill, agrees today's students need a financial leg-up. He missed out on the first OSOTF program that ended in March, 2000, but was quick to take advantage of its reintroduction earlier this year.

"I had already planned on making my usual gift to the Annual Fund this fall until I learned about the matching program. It inspired me to dig deeper and make a larger commitment," he says.

Former Ontario Premier Ernie Eves announced his government's \$400 million investment in phase two of the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund in June. Pledges received before December 31, 2005 are eligible for matched support, although donors have the option of making pledge payments through until March, 2011.

Both Staniszewski and Saccucci urge others to take advantage of the government's time-limited offer.

"If you are in a position to donate, do it now," says Staniszewski. "It can be a great help to law students who are struggling financially and, otherwise, might not finish their degree."

Saccucci agreed to go public with his gift in the hope that it would inspire others to follow his lead and create their own student award. "If it triggers others to do the same thing, then my motives will have been realized," he says softly.

If you are interested in establishing your own student award at Osgoode Hall Law School, please contact Anita Herrmann, Development Officer, at 416-736-5364 or aherrmann@osgoode.yorku.ca. ✱



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a special room

Samuel Schwartz (LLB '72) says Thank You with a New Osgoode Seminar Room

by Virginia Corner

There is a special place in Samuel Schwartz's heart for York University and, in particular, Osgoode Hall Law School. Today he serves as a member of the University's Board of Governors but back in the 60s and 70s he was a student at York. Looking back on those days, he is grateful for the things he learned, the feeling of kinship he experienced with his professors and fellow students, and the lifelong friends he made.

"My graduate school training at York was exceptional," says Schwartz who has a BA in Political Science ('67) from the University of Toronto, an MA in Political Science ('69) from York and an LLB ('72) from Osgoode. "Law school was terrific. We were the first Osgoode Hall Law School class at York. We really worked well as a class."

Schwartz, now a senior partner with Goodman and Carr LLP specializing in Corporate Finance and Technology, recently made a gift to Osgoode to renovate Seminar Room 203 at the Law School.

"This was something I wanted to do. It will have an impact on the students. It will give them an environment that is technologically up-to-date and conducive to learning."

Schwartz was only 25 years old and married with a daughter when he graduated from Osgoode. During his time at the Law School he won one of the academic prizes but it was the "real world" experience he gained through Osgoode that he remembers most fondly.

One of his favourite summer jobs was working with an Ontario Law Reform Commission, chaired by Mr. Justice James C. McRuer, that recommended extensive changes to Ontario Statutes to better protect individual rights. "I was one of four students," Schwartz recalls. "As a group we had a chance to sit in every criminal court in the province and learn first-hand about the inner workings of the criminal justice system."

Then came a five-month stint as part of the first class in Osgoode's intensive program at Parkdale Community Legal Services. "It was one of the seminal experiences of my life," Schwartz says emphatically. "I had a chance to learn what it means to practise law, what it means to provide service to a

community that faces many challenges." As a result, when Schwartz started as an articling student and later as a young lawyer, he already had experiences that would prepare him for the years ahead.

During the past 30 years, Schwartz has had the opportunity to practise in a number of areas of law. He started as a tax lawyer and has subsequently been involved in matters pertaining to the music industry, technology and the private and public securities markets.

His legal practice now focuses on Corporate Finance and specifically assisting biotechnology and other technology companies to access the capital markets in Canada and the United States. At Goodman and Carr he says he has found a group of lawyers who not only strive for excellence in their varied legal specialties but are also committed to community involvement.

He and his wife of 35 years, Charlotte, have three daughters. Hilary, 32, is married to a criminal lawyer, Jody Berkes, and the couple has one child, Lauren, with another child on the way. Barbara, 28, is a Toronto schoolteacher and Dina, 26, is an articling student in London, Ontario.

"I have been fortunate in the practice of law and my community endeavours to have met and worked with many special individuals who have broadened and enhanced my life," Schwartz says. "I have told my kids, as I was told by my parents, that it is important to give back to the community whenever possible."

Schwartz is well known for his past and present volunteer involvement with a number of not-for-profit organizations including membership on the Board of Directors of Mt. Sinai Hospital Foundation, National Board of Governors of the Jewish National Fund, Business Development and Research Commercialization Committee Mt. Sinai Hospital, and Trustee of the Greater Toronto Jewish Community Endowment Fund.

"I am grateful for the fabulous people along the way who have enhanced my life immeasurably and for the opportunities to do things I never thought I'd ever have." ✱

Ethics under the Microscope



Legal Ethics Prize Honours the Memory of the Late Nathan Strauss, Q.C.

The subject of ethical conduct is experiencing a renewal of interest and debate among Osgoode students thanks to an essay prize in legal ethics honouring the memory of a distinguished Osgoode alumnus.

The Nathan Strauss Q.C. Essay Prize in Legal Ethics, established by Lilly Offenbach Strauss in honour of her late husband, has heightened interest in ethical issues and stimulated debate among students about the practice of law as an honourable profession and a force for community good.

The winner of the essay prize in 2002, Osgoode alumnus Tim Wightman (LLB '03), is now articling with the provincial Crown Attorney's office in Ottawa. His winning paper discussed the need for a code of ethics for defence counsel appearing before the International Criminal Court.

Recalling what an honour it was to win the prize, Wightman says his paper combined two areas of major interest: the International Criminal Court and legal ethics. Asked if he has retained an interest in the subject, Wightman replied: "Ethics should be an ongoing interest for all lawyers. They are a cornerstone of the legal profession."

The role model who inspired this award, Nathan Strauss, Q.C. (LLB '28), would have agreed. Strauss, who passed away in November 1999, was a Life Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada and past President of the County of York Law Association. A foremost authority on mechanics lien in Ontario, and well regarded for his general legal expertise, Strauss enjoyed a reputation as "a lawyer's lawyer." His exemplary professional conduct was proverbial among fellow lawyers and generations of clients, as was his spirit of collegiality and his notable contribution to the governance of the legal profession in Ontario, all of which lent distinction to a successful professional career spanning more than 60 years.

Laura Legge, Q.C. (LLB '48), the first female Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada, recalls that for Strauss, "his word was his bond. He was incorruptible and ethical, possessing high principles and standards." Having served with Strauss as a Bencher for more than 20 years, she recalls his commitment and dedication of thousands of hours to maintain high professional standards in the public interest. Ultimately though, she says, she misses talking to a colleague who was very aware of what was happening in the world and in the legal profession.

Professor Harry Arthurs, former Osgoode Dean and past President of York University, also knew Strauss well. He remembers Strauss as an "extremely good lawyer, with a sincere and deep commitment to ethical conduct. His name is a byword for ethical conduct. And his reputation was not made because of high profile litigation or wealthy clients, but because his ethical standards were the highest. It is very appropriate for a legal ethics prize to be established in his memory." *

New Faculty Appointments

In the past year, a long-time Osgoode faculty member was appointed Associate Dean and four new professors joined the Law School, bringing the total number of full-time faculty to 52.

Christine Ward profiles Associate Dean Janet Walker and Professors Stephanie Ben-Ishai, Colleen Hanycz, Ikechi Mgbeoji and Ben Richardson.

Photography by Babak



Janet Walker

When Janet Walker delivered the welcoming address to the Class of 2006 this September, she saw herself in the students' eager faces. Just 13 years ago, it was her turn as an incoming LLB student to hear the welcoming address. Today, she's the newly minted Associate Dean and she is responsible for Osgoode's entire undergraduate program, student issues, and the full-time and part-time faculty.

"I've been extraordinarily fortunate," she says, reflecting on the many accomplishments that earned her the appointment on July 1, 2003.

After graduating from Osgoode with the silver medal in 1993, Walker clerked for the Chief Justice of Ontario and the Justices of the Court of Appeal for Ontario. She then worked as a researcher in the litigation department of Tory, Tory, DesLauriers and Binnington and pursued doctoral studies at Oxford University as the Viscount Bennett Fellow. In 1996 – just three years after graduating from Osgoode – she was back on campus, this time as a faculty member.

"As a student I applied only to Osgoode because I thought of it as the best school around," she recalls. "When it came time to consider an academic career, I applied to

Osgoode as a faculty member for the same reason."

In the years since, Walker has unfolded a comprehensive research program specializing in international dispute resolution, civil litigation, advocacy and conflict of laws – the subject of her 2001 doctoral thesis at Oxford. She's also held an array of administrative posts, including director of both the moot program (now under the direction of Professor Janine Benedet) and the part-time LLM program in civil litigation and dispute resolution; and she has lectured in places as distant as China, Australia and Tunisia.

Undoubtedly, the ability to juggle so many priorities will serve her well as she sits down to her first order of business as Associate Dean. "Having met with my colleagues throughout the summer and fall, one of my greatest ambitions is to help them continue to work well together, and to provide them with the kind of assistance and opportunities that fine scholars and teachers need to succeed."

As to how to do that, Walker says she'll begin by listening to what her colleagues have to say. She and Dean Patrick Monahan are also hoping to benefit from the views of the entire Osgoode community – alumni and students included – in informing the school's future direction.

Thinking back again on her early Osgoode days, Walker laughs when asked if her friends and teachers could have imagined where she'd be 10 years post-graduation.

"People sometimes commented that they couldn't see me in private practice, but I never admitted to a fixed goal." She smiles.

"Still, it was always my aspiration to become an academic and to teach at Osgoode." *



Stephanie Ben-Ishai

When Stephanie Ben-Ishai arrives at Osgoode each morning, her mind is already buzzing with issues of bankruptcy and corporate governance. But her feet have their own ideas.

“My first instinct is to go to the cafeteria to meet with friends,” she laughs.

That was Ben-Ishai’s routine in the late 1990s while a student in Osgoode’s undergraduate program. Today, she’s back on campus with a Master’s degree from Harvard, an assistant professorship and a burgeoning research program in a field never before studied in Canada.

“Osgoode was the place where I really started to develop as the person I am today, so it makes sense that I return to launch my career.”

While pursuing her LLB, Ben-Ishai nurtured a seemingly eclectic collection of interests that included corporate law and social change. “I really struggled with that as a dichotomy,” she recalls. “I saw myself as a social change person and not a corporate dealmaker type. Still, I found myself very excited by corporate law at Osgoode.”

After graduating in 2000, Ben-Ishai clerked with three justices, including Roy McMurtry, Ontario’s chief justice and a fellow Osgoode alumnus. She began her LLM at Harvard in 2002, earning a prestigious Fulbright fellowship and

launching a unique research program that balances bankruptcy law and gender.

“Over 40 per cent of the bankrupts in Canada are women, but recent reports and reviews don’t really look at gender at all,” says Ben-Ishai. “There’s a real need for improved understanding of how consumer bankruptcy is mediated by class and race.”

Ben-Ishai is supported in her goals by her Osgoode colleagues who, she says, are helping to ease the transition from student to academic life.

“This was always something I thought of as my dream job,” she says. “It’s kind of scary realizing I’ve accomplished this so early on in my career.” *



Colleen Hanycz

Colleen Hanycz’s first few months at Osgoode give new meaning to stress.

Since joining the faculty as an assistant professor in July, the Osgoode LLM and PhD graduate has finished and defended her doctoral thesis, delivered a handful of guest lectures, prepped for the entire second term civil procedure course that she began teaching in January and juggled her five-year-old private mediation business.

“It’s been a very chaotic few

months,” admits Hanycz. But well worth it, she’s quick to add.

Did we mention that she also delivered a baby – her third with husband Peter – 10 days after receiving her PhD in November?

Hanycz first came to Osgoode in 2000 as an adjunct professor in both the undergraduate and part-time graduate programs. While teaching courses in dispute settlement and negotiation, she unraveled a powerful PhD dissertation on the explosive growth of court-connected mediation programs in Canada.

“Mediators have access to a great deal of power that impacts on the process and outcomes of conflicts,” she says. “As practitioners and scholars, we need to take a closer look at that power.”

Hanycz’s research builds on Osgoode’s pioneering work in dispute settlement and is fast on the heels of Ontario’s newly established Mandatory Mediation Program that compels litigants to first try to resolve their matter through mediation. The program is expected to become a model for practice Canada-wide and the focus of Hanycz’s continuing efforts.

“I hope to continue examining the connection between our courts and a variety of alternative processes – like mediation, arbitration and collaborative lawyering – that are now offered to relieve court backlogs and improve access to justice.” She pauses to reflect on the past six months – her recruitment to Osgoode, the PhD, a much-anticipated return to teaching and, of course, parenthood.

“Wow,” she exclaims. “All good things do happen at once.” *



Ikechi Mgbeoji

There is a virtual line-up of student researchers at Ikechi Mgbeoji's office door. The group is part of a growing wave of scholarly interest in patents and intellectual property rights in Canada. And Mgbeoji's their man all right.

One of Osgoode's newest assistant professors has under his belt 10 years of litigation experience, two graduate degrees and academic experience, mostly in intellectual property and patent law . . . albeit with a twist. Mgbeoji is one of the first legal scholars in the world to approach the subject from a cultural perspective.

"Under Canadian patent law, you can only obtain a patent on an invention if you can show that your alleged invention is not covered by existing, written knowledge," he explains. What this doesn't take into account are cultures that emphasize oral translation or transmission of ideas.

Mgbeoji's research addresses the ways in which Canada can create legislation to protect and not undermine the culture and history of indigenous peoples in matters pertaining to inventions wrought by indigenous peoples operating within their cultural contexts.

Since receiving his LLB from the University of Nigeria in 1992, Mgbeoji has spanned the country, earning an LLM, JSD and countless

accolades from Dalhousie University, and an appointment at the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Law. He was attracted to Osgoode's quality and breadth of research that, he says, is allowing him to focus on the intricacies of patent law.

Mgbeoji has already authored a book on patents and indigenous peoples to be published in 2004, and he plans to release a patent law textbook – Canada's first – sometime later in 2005.

It's this unbeatable combination of expertise and passion that is winning attention from students and legal scholars alike, including some 35 students currently registered in Mgbeoji's patent law course.

"The time has come for a country that purports to have a multicultural ideology to move from rhetoric and do something about the protection of indigenous peoples' knowledge." *

Photography by Nik Sarros



Ben Richardson

When your career takes you from New Zealand to England – with the odd side trip to exotic locales like Copenhagen, Iceland, Milan and Stockholm – and then Canada, more than one parka-clad Torontonian is sure to ask why.

The answer's an easy one for Ben Richardson.

"I've long harboured an interest

in pursuing an academic career in Canada," says Osgoode's new associate professor. "It's a very idealistic, progressive country with an expansive multiculturalism that I find most appealing."

Richardson joined Osgoode in January 2003 after spending three years as a senior lecturer at the University of Manchester School of Law and as a visiting lecturer at universities throughout Europe. Prior to that, he was with the University of Auckland, where he co-founded the New Zealand Centre for Environmental Law. Osgoode's large faculty team and burgeoning presence in environmental law subsequently lured him overseas.

"Osgoode has a unique opportunity to empower and incite change through scholarship and teaching." To that, Richardson hopes to contribute experiences gained working and studying in a range of cultures and jurisdictions around the world.

Richardson's research is somewhat of a twist on his 1995 doctoral thesis that documented environmental law problems in Kenya and Uganda. "I became demoralized at the terrible state of environmental law in some countries and decided I wanted to turn my attention, for awhile, to more promising arenas of reform – countries like New Zealand and Canada," he says.

But, right now, teaching is enough of a focus as Richardson prepares to lead courses in environmental, international environmental and property law. It's the aspect of his job he has been looking forward to the most since arriving at Osgoode last year.

"In England and Australia, students choose law right out of high school. I'm looking forward to teaching students who have more life experience and share my enthusiasm for the subject." *

Student Financial Assistance

The Law School is grateful to alumni and friends who have established the following awards.

Brian Little Award

This award was established in 2002 to honour the memory of Brian Little. Brian was a brilliant student and a tremendous hockey player who led the Osgoode Owls to many big wins. After graduating from Osgoode in 1974, Brian studied at the London School of Economics and received his Master of Laws. Brian began his law career at McMillan, Binch and became a partner of the firm. He then became Vice President and General Counsel of Dome Petroleum and later General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of B.P. Canada Energy Company. He was a great and loyal friend whose ever-present sense of humour and his love of life touched many people. This award was funded through the generosity of the friends, family and colleagues of Brian Little and through generous contributions by BP Canada Energy Company, James B. Love, Q.C. and McMillan Binch. It will be given annually to a student in the LLB program who has good academic standing and demonstrates financial need. Preference will be given to a student who is involved in the life of Osgoode Hall Law School through extracurricular activities such as athletics, student government or other endeavours.

CLASP Prize for Social Justice

This prize was established by three former division leaders of the Class of 2004. It will be given annually to a division leader who has excelled academically, demonstrated outstanding dedication to CLASP, and will pursue a career in the area of social justice upon graduation.

Class of 1968 Generation-to-Generation Bursary

The Class of 1968 was the last class to graduate from “old” Osgoode Hall Law School. On the occasion of their 35th class reunion, they raised funds to endow a bursary to assist students in the LLB program. This bursary will be given annually to an Osgoode student who demonstrates financial need, is an Ontario resident and a Canadian citizen/permanent resident.

Class of 1972 Award

Members of the Class of 1972 established this award in celebration of their 30th anniversary reunion. It will be given annually to a student enrolled in the LLB program who demonstrates financial need, academic achievement, and involvement in extracurricular activities, such as athletics, student government or other organized activities at Osgoode Hall Law School.

Class of 1977 Bursary

In celebration of their 25th anniversary reunion, members of the Class of 1977 established this bursary. It will be given annually to a student enrolled in the LLB program who demonstrates financial need. Preference will be given to a student who has a demonstrated interest in social justice issues and/or who intends to pursue a career in the social justice area.

Jack Pinkofsky Prize

The Toronto/Brampton/Ottawa law firm of Pinkofskys has established this prize to honour the career and many accomplishments of their founder and senior partner, Jack Pinkofsky, (LLB’61) in the area of criminal law. Mr. Pinkofsky has pioneered some of the most significant developments in criminal law in the last three decades, including challenging juries for cause because of racism, the right to full disclosure of the case against an accused, and a culturally sensitive application of the criminal law. The prize will be given annually to an upper-year student who has excelled in criminal law as evidenced by academic achievement and dedication to the Criminal Division’s work at CLASP.

Legal Aid Ontario Award

Legal Aid Ontario is dedicated to promoting access to justice throughout Ontario for low-income individuals by means of providing consistently high-quality legal aid services in a cost-effective and efficient manner. They have established this award in each of the Ontario law schools to recognize students who have made an exceptional contribution in the area of public interest law.

This award will be given annually to a third-year student who has made an outstanding and continuous contribution to legal aid clinical practice and/or public interest law. Recipients will have also demonstrated academic excellence (“B” average or higher). Up to three awards will be made annually.

Obiter Dicta Bursary

The Obiter Dicta Bursary was established in the 2002/2003 academic year by the staff of Osgoode’s student newspaper. They felt the profit generated by the paper that year should be invested to assist the Osgoode community. It is their hope that future editors will continue to contribute to the fund so more assistance is available. The bursary will be given annually to a student registered in the LLB program at Osgoode Hall Law School and who demonstrates financial need.

Osgoode Hall Law Journal Prize

This prize is awarded annually to a Senior Editor of the Osgoode Hall Law Journal who has demonstrated dedication to the collaborative intellectual endeavour of publishing a law journal and leadership in working with Junior and Senior Editors.

The selection criteria for awarding the prize includes: strong research and editing skills; collegiality; initiative; commitment, and leadership. Nominations for the prize are to be made by Senior Editors and submitted to the Journal's Co-ordinator by the end of the first week of March. Nominations must include a one-page statement of the reasons for nominating a particular Senior Editor for the prize.

The selection committee for awarding the prize will comprise the Editor-in-Chief, the Law Journal Co-ordinator, and two members of the Senior Board. In the event that a member of the selection committee is nominated for the prize, the member of the selection committee shall be replaced by an alternate to be selected by the Senior Editorial Board. The prize may be awarded to and shared between Senior Editors in any given year. In the event of an impasse in awarding the prize at the selection committee, the Editor-in-Chief's decision regarding the award of the prize is final. The selection committee will draft a letter summarizing the committee's reasons for awarding the prize.

Sherrard Kuzz LLP Prize in Labour Law, Employment Law and Administrative Law

Established by the firm of Sherrard Kuzz LLP and awarded annually to a student in second year who has achieved academic excellence in the following areas of study: labour law, employment law, administrative law.

The Honourable David G. Humphrey and The Honourable Hugh R. Locke Bursary

David G. Humphrey ('50) and Hugh R. Locke ('54) established the firm of Humphrey Locke in 1954. They were two of Toronto's leading criminal lawyers until they were called to the Bench, Hugh in 1976 and David in 1985. They influenced generations of criminal lawyers and demonstrated an outstanding responsibility to the profession and their colleagues. As distinguished members of the Bench, their judgments demonstrated wisdom, clarity and integrity. Their service to criminal law in Ontario spanned more than 40 years. This award was established by their family and friends to honour their many contributions and dedication to service.

The award will be given annually to an Osgoode student(s) registered in the LLB program who has successfully completed two years of law study. The recipient(s) must demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in the

field of criminal law, as reflected in their selection of law school courses in the criminal law field, their enrollment in the criminal law intensive, the Innocence Project, or other similar intensive or clinical program, their employment activity during law school or their employment plans following the completion of their law degree, or such other indicia which, in the opinion of the Student Awards Committee, reflect a commitment to the pursuit of a career in criminal law. In addition, the recipient(s) must demonstrate financial need, be a resident of the province of Ontario and must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. The funds for this award were matched by the Ontario Government.

The Honourable R.E. Holland, Q.C. Award

The Honourable Richard E. Holland, Q.C. graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School and was called to the Bar in 1950. He was a talented young lawyer who very quickly became a leading counsel. He received his appointment as Queen's Counsel in 1962 and in 1972, was appointed to the Trial Division of the Supreme Court of Ontario. As a Judge, he was known for being patient and helpful to counsel, as well as gracious to all who appeared before him. His judgments demonstrated an extraordinary ability to sort out facts and apply the law in a fair and equitable manner.

He was a pioneer in the field of Alternate Dispute Resolution in Canada. Upon his retirement from the Bench in 1990, he spent more than 10 years enjoying a new professional career as a Mediator and Arbitrator. As head of ADR Chambers, Toronto, he inspired the growth of the company nationally and internationally. He received great pleasure in helping people find mutually agreed and lasting settlement of disputes.

His family, friends, and colleagues established this award to commemorate his dedication to the administration of justice in Ontario and to assist a promising student. It will be given annually to a student(s) entering the LLB program at Osgoode Hall Law School who has a record of academic excellence and who demonstrates financial need. Preference will be given to a student(s) from outside of Ontario.

The Verrico Family Bursary

Professor Janet Walker (LLB '93) donated her stipend as Associate Dean 2003-2005 to establish a bursary in honour of the members of her family who provided her with support and encouragement throughout her education. This bursary will be given annually to an Osgoode student who demonstrates financial need, is an Ontario resident and a Canadian citizen/permanent resident. Preference will be given to a student who is a member of the moot team and who requires assistance to travel to a competition.



The "Negli-Gents" from the Class of '78 (left to right: Mel Crystal, Allen Edgar, Ted Mann and Eric Slone) haven't lost their touch judging by their fine performance at their class reunion celebration.



A good time was had by all at the reunion of the Classes of '52 and '53. Left to right: Mary Agnes Murphy, Harold Murphy, William Maloney and Marian Maloney



Hip, hip, hurrah for the Class of '48 who celebrated their 55th reunion!



Ron Hoffman presented a cheque on behalf of the Class of '68 to Dean Patrick Monahan at Homecoming festivities on Saturday, October 4, 2003.

Class Reunions '03

The 2003 class reunions kicked off with the Classes of 1952 and 1953 gathering at the original downtown Toronto home of the Law School for their golden anniversary. It is quite amazing that most of the men and a few women who attended Osgoode 50 years ago did so while holding down full-time jobs.

Following on the heels of those reunions was the Class of 1948's 55th reunion in stately Convocation Hall. It was wonderful to see such prominent Osgoode alumni as the Honourable Lincoln L. Alexander and Laura Legge, Q.C., the first female treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada, actively involved in the organization of their class reunion.

Homecoming Weekend saw the Classes of 1983, 1988 and 1968 celebrate their milestones across the city. The Class of 1983 had a tremendously successful reunion at the Academy of Spherical Arts and is greatly looking forward to their 25th. The Class of 1988 checked out the trendy new Distillery District for their 15th and the Class of 1968 celebrated their 35th with a series of events that culminated in a fabulous dinner at the Thornhill Golf and Country Club where they presented Dean Patrick Monahan with a cheque for \$61,750. Later that week, the Classes of 1993 and 1998 held cocktail receptions for their busy classmates at the Duke of Westminster and the Left Bank.

November began with reunions of the Classes of 1958 and 1963 and ended with reunions of the Classes of 1973 and 1978. The Class of 1958 held their traditional "stag" at the Toronto Club on Halloween night and joined their spouses on Saturday night to celebrate their 45th reunion. On the same evening, the Class of 1963 celebrated 40 years since graduation with a formal dinner in Convocation Hall. The Class of 1973 had a wonderful dinner at the Bayview Country Club to commemorate their anniversary while the Class of 1978 wrapped up the 2003 reunion schedule with a bang. They held a classmates-only cocktail reception at Cassels Brock & Blackwell on Friday, November 14 and then had an entertaining and memorable dinner at Osgoode Hall on Saturday, November 15 at which the Class presented Dean Monahan with a cheque for \$61,250.

It is only through the hard work and diligence of many volunteers that these reunions and class gifts are possible. A big thank you is extended to everyone who helped put together these events and to everyone who attended.

Plans are already under way for next year when the Classes of 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989 and 1994 will celebrate their reunions. If you are interested in helping to organize your reunion, please contact the Advancement Office at 416-736-5638 or e-mail: alumni@osgoode.yorku.ca. *

Chapter Meetings '03

Patrick Monahan took to the skies shortly after he became Dean with visits to alumni in Calgary, Vancouver and Ottawa. The well-attended receptions afforded an opportunity to report on Law School initiatives as well as renew acquaintances and hear first-hand about alumni activities in the regions. *



Calgary, October 21, 2003



Vancouver, October 23, 2003



Ottawa, November 3, 2003

Homecoming '03

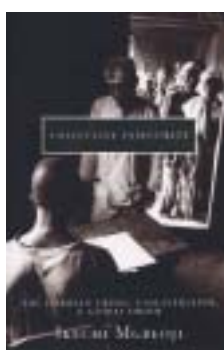
On a cold and blustery Saturday, October 4, 2003, Osgoode Hall Law School hosted its 3rd annual Homecoming. The event featured Dean Patrick Monahan's address to the Law School community, the Alumni Association's Gold Key Awards, Annual General Meeting, Class Reunion gifts to the Law School and a Celebrity Barbecue.

The highlight of the day was an enthralling talk by David Foot, author of the best-selling books *Boom Bust & Echo: How to Profit from the Coming Demographic Shift* and the updated paperback *Boom Bust & Echo: Profiting from the Demographic Shift in the 21st Century*.

Commented Gillian McCullough, Osgoode's Director of Alumni Relations: "David brought to life demographic statistics and made the aging of the massive boomer generation and the coming marketplace of their children, the echo generation, relevant to the changes in the legal profession and society in general." *



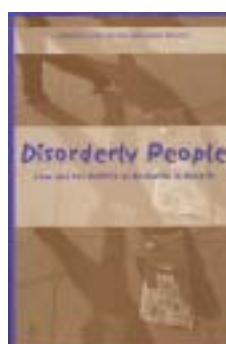
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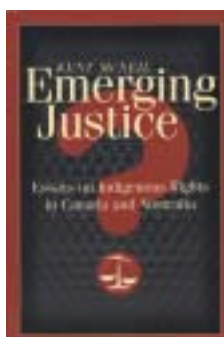
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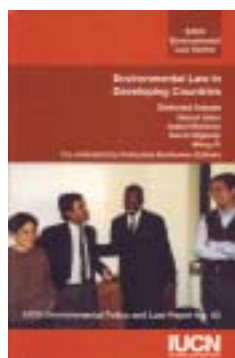
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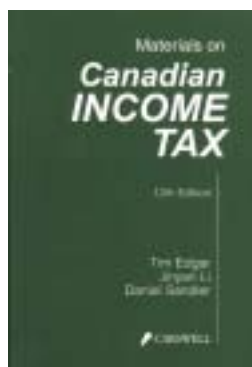


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(Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2001)

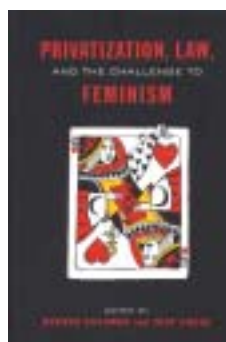
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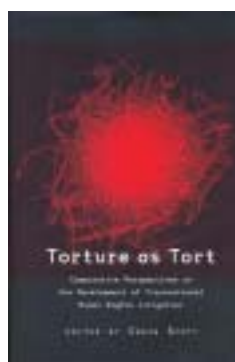
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Left to right: **Professor Mary Jane Mossman**, IFLS director; **Joan Shields**, administrative assistant; and **Professor Margaret Thornton**

Institute for Feminist Legal Studies Redefines its Place

by Professor Mary Jane Mossman

The Institute for Feminist Legal Studies, established at Osgoode in 1990, has provided an important focus for faculty and students with an interest in feminist research, teaching and other activities.

Although its funding has been more modest than originally envisaged, the Institute has been active in organizing conferences and workshops, in supporting the work of graduate students at Osgoode, in presenting programs for faculty and undergraduate students, in fostering interdisciplinary relationships with other scholars at York, and in a major research project which culminated in the 2002 publication, *Privatization, Law and the Challenge to Feminism*, edited by Professors Brenda Cossman and Judy Fudge.

The work of the Institute has been ably directed by four faculty members: Professors Brenda Cossman, Joan Gilmour, Dianne Martin, and Toni Williams, who were honoured along with Professor Emeritus Jane Banfield, the first Chair of the Institute's Board of Directors, at a reception last November 7.

In 2002-2003, I was appointed Director of the Institute for a three-year term, and I embarked on a reorganization of the Institute with a goal of redefining its place within Osgoode, York University, and eventually the wider feminist legal community. The "revisioning" process included a series of workshops this past fall called "Feminist Fridays at Osgoode."

Two Feminist Fridays focussed on feminist research-in-progress, with presentations by Professors Sonia Lawrence, Lisa Philipps, Kate Sutherland, Janine Benedet, and Joan Gilmour along with graduate student Fiona Sampson, and an Australian visitor, Lee Ann Basser. The third Feminist Friday featured Professors Margaret Thornton (Australia), Ursula Franklin (University of Toronto) and Toni Williams (Osgoode) speaking about "Feminism, Corporatism and the Legal Academy."

In addition to Feminist Fridays, the Institute was actively involved in negotiations to relocate the

Canadian Journal of Women and the Law (CJWL) to Osgoode, and Professor Kate Sutherland was appointed English language editor of CJWL in May 2003. At the invitation of the Trustees of the Barbara Betcherman Memorial Lecture Fund, the Betcherman Lecture has also been connected to the Institute on a trial basis for the next two years. The Institute for Feminist Legal Studies is now planning a special event for April 2004, combining the Barbara Betcherman Memorial Lecture, a working meeting for CJWL, and a workshop for feminist faculty.

Although the financial and administrative resources of the Institute remain modest, there is enthusiastic support for the creation of a "community of interest" among feminist faculty, graduate students and LLB students at the Law School. In addition, the Institute wants to reinvigorate its relationships with feminist alumni and others in the legal profession.

To be added to our mailing lists, electronic and/or postal, please contact: Joan Shields, Assistant to the Institute, at InstituteFLS@osgoode.yorku.ca or 416-736-2100, extension 77562.

THE BARBARA BETCHERMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE 2004

"Feminist Legal Research and Public Policy-Making in Canada"

— **Professor Susan Boyd (UBC) and Professor Claire Young (UBC)**

Thursday, April 29, 2004 at 5 p.m.

Osgoode Professional Development Centre
in downtown Toronto

1 Dundas Street West, Suite 2602

60's

Barkin Q.C., Marvin LLB '60 is a tax partner with Basman Smith in Toronto.

Hylton, Peter LLB '60 is a semi-retired consultant with his own criminal law firm in lovely Falmouth, Cornwall, UK.

70's

Glass, Lorne LLB '76 is a partner with Glass, Murray, Bianchi in Ontario.

Giuffrida, David LLB '78 is the president and founder of Adavius Inc. in Toronto. The company offers strategic IT services to lawyers and other professionals. He previously practised law for a number of years in the Ontario public service, with the Psychiatric Patient Advocate Office, the Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the Office of Legislative Counsel. David left to pursue his MBA in 2000 specializing in e-business strategy, corporate strategy and marketing. He is married to Laura Hopkins, a Legislative counsel for the province of Ontario, and has two grown children, Andréa and Nathaniel.



Abraham (Abe) Lief (Class of '26), who in 1963 became the first Jewish appointee to the Superior Court of Ontario, celebrated his 100th birthday on March 5, 2003 with a party at the University Ave. courthouse, which features a judges' lounge, the Lief Room, named in his honour. Lief is pictured here with Chief Justice Roy McMurtry (Class of '58).



Cartoon by Morley Torgov of the Class of '54, which will hold its 50th Reunion on Saturday, September 25, 2004.

80's

Alderson, David LLB '80 lives in Dubai and practices with Legal Consultants, Afridi & Angell, primarily in commercial litigation and arbitration matters. After earning an LLM in London in 1987, specializing in commercial and corporate law, he was admitted to practice in England and Wales (1988) and Bermuda (1998). In addition to his legal practice, David is an adjunct instructor at the American University in Dubai and also taught part time last year at the University of Sharjah. He and his wife Christine have a daughter named Della Blossom and in his spare time David enjoys participating in desert riding and polo.

Cross, Robert John LLB '84 has opened an electronic-based real estate office in the past year.

Lewis, Steven LLB '88 MBA '90 is a partner for Heenan Blaikie LLP in Toronto. He focuses primarily on entertainment law, representing Canadian and foreign producers of feature length and made-for-television motion pictures. He is also actively involved in the development of the world-class movie studio complex on the Toronto waterfront. On

the home front, Steven just celebrated his 14th wedding anniversary and has two incredible kids: Cady, 10 and Sawyer, 8.

Nemetz, Steven LLB '80 MBA '81 LLM '99 is chair of the Intellectual Property Law group at the Toronto law firm of Blaney McMurtry LLP. He is also actively involved with the entertainment, media and communications section of the Ontario Bar.

Vincent, Thomas LLB '83 joined the federal Department of Justice at Indian Affairs headquarters in Gatineau in July 2002.

90's

Battigaglia, Enzo LLB '99 is a criminal lawyer with Tulloch & Associates. He married Vanessa Boni BA, BEd '99 in August 2003.

Bishop, Kristyna LLB '97 is a specialist with Inter-American Development Bank in Washington.

Crofts, Richard LLB '98 MBA '98 was appointed Vice-President, Corporate Development of Magna Entertainment Corp. in May 2003.

Garcia, Dave Locksley LLM '98 became a partner at Myers, Fletcher and Gordon in Jamaica on January 1, 2003. He mainly practises commercial litigation. He is also an associate tutor of civil procedure at the Norman Manley Law School. Dave is active in the Commercial Law Sub-Committee of the Jamaican Bar Association, and is a part-time lecturer in the Executive MBA Program at the University of West Indies.

Mann, Susan LLB '96 was seconded from the Toronto office to the London office of Ogilvy Renault in May 2001. She continues to practice business law, with an emphasis on corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions.

Moser, Chris LLB '94 has joined the partnership of Tingle Merrett LLP, a boutique corporate and technology law firm in downtown Calgary. The practice includes business, taxation and technology law.

Sharma, Rajeev LLB '97 joined Heenan Blaikie LLP in Toronto as an associate in June 2003 to continue his practice in international trade, arbitration and competition law. He spent two months this past spring teaching international business law at Queen's University Faculty of Law at the Queen's International Study Centre at Herstmonceux Castle in Sussex, England.

Singer, Darryl LLB '91 is delighted to join one of his clients, a finance company, as VP and General Counsel after 10 years as a litigator. He is happy to be developing a new skill set and tackling new challenges, while still keeping his feet wet in court. Darryl also feels fortunate to have a financially rewarding and intellectually stimulating career while working the kinds of hours that allow him to be a devoted and present father to his six-year-old.

00's

Islam, Atif LLB '00 and his wife, Salma Iffat, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Noor Ayla Islam, on June 25, 2001.

PhD Candidate's Request

PhD candidate at the University of Toronto is looking for men and women who attended Osgoode Hall Law School between 1920 and 1980 for their legal training (LLB) and are willing to share their memories of law school as part of a dissertation on the professional socialization of law students. Contact Mélanie Brunet at 416-962-5252 or melanie.brunet@utoronto.ca.

Correction

We apologize to Thea Koshman BA '84 LLB '87 for incorrectly stating the name of her spouse in our Winter 2003 issue. Thea was married in June 2001 to Jason Koshman, an alumnus of the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law.

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